



NEST Benefit Concert

presented by

Spirit's Call Choir

& special guest vocalist

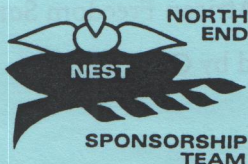
MEREDITH SPEARS

TO SUPPORT REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2004, 7:30 PM

BETHEL MENNONITE CHURCH

465 STAFFORD STREET



North End Sponsorship Team (NEST) is a registered charity, welcomes donations and will issue tax-deductable receipts.

Program



DONA NOBIS PACEM (*Traditional Latin chant*) Source Unknown

PACEM (*chant variation*) arranged by Lee Dengler

WORDS OF WELCOME

SI VIS AMARI Jerry Estes

TIBYEH PIEYOM Russian Orthodox Chant

A LA NANITA NANA arranged by Ed Henderson

YOU RAISE ME UP Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland,
arranged by Roger Emerson



INTERMISSION



MEREDITH SPEARS (*Special Guest*)

BREATHS arranged by Ysaye Barnwell

IMAGINE John Lennon

PSALM 23 arranged by Jeff Majors



ONE MORE STEP Joyce Poley

FEELIN' GROOVY Paul Simon, arranged by Kirby Shaw

PROVIDENCE FERRY Joe Charron, arranged by Ed Henderson

DRUM SOLO Henry Zacharias

WE SHALL NOT GIVE UP THE FIGHT South African Freedom Song

EVERYBODY SING written and arranged by Clark Kenyon

Choir Members



SOPRANO

Patricia Benson
Maureen Bliss
Sarah Bowen
Rosalind Bradford
Sheila Bradford
Joëlle Brémault
Joyce Burns
Kathy Cheater
Delsie Cousineau
Alice Dano
Kitana Degen
Sian Evans
Carol Ferguson
Angela Fiebelkorn
Germaine Isaak
Paula Keirstead
Diane Kunec
Yvonne LeDoyen
Suzanne Lussier
Beth Martens
Brenda Maxwell
Nancy McAvoy
Gajdosik
Joyce Milgaard
Tina Miller
April Morton
Christina Ogg
Kristen Olson
Doreen Penneys
Claudette Poitras
Judy Potts
Gwen Radley
Marie Ann Reeves
Carol Reznik
Karen Richardson
Linda Rzeszutek
Laure Salo
Barbara Samson
Beth Tait
Margaret Tobin
Jackie Van Winkle

Leah Weinberg
Vera Willson
Sylvia Wilson
Gail Wylie
Janice Yon

ALTO

Carmen Asu
Allison Atkey
Jill Brooks
Leona Buchszreiber
Desa Cacic-Kalem
Karli Colpitts
Laura Davis
Barb Degen
Heather Emberley
Martha Epstein
Adelle Fenn
Marcie Fenn
Dorothy Flight
Gavriela Geller
Heather Gerardy
Jenny Gerbasi
Sonia Goertzen
Kendra Gowler
Rachelle Guay
Pat Holden
Jo Jensen
Vetta Kardami
Lyle Koncan
Paulette Krovats
Florence Landygo
Dawn Lazar
Gail Lefebvre
Elisabeth Loewen
Genest
Beth Mason
Mary-Ann Maurice
Kim McCallum
Sandy McKenzie
Sandra Morrison
Carolyn Mosher

Fiona Muldrew
Denise Ommanney
Shyn Otte
Ginger Patchen
Joanne Raw
Carolyn Redekop
Pat Reid
Betty Sanguin
Brenda Sciberras
Penny Scurfield
Sharon Simon
Catherine
Smallwood
Lisa-Marie Stefaniw
Janette Stephenson
Elaine Szymanski
Jennifer Vallance
Dorcas Wehner
Jan Wehner
Dalmyn
Adele Weir
Doreen Wuckert
Ruby Zacharias

TENOR

Nancy Buchanan
Nicholas Burns
Bea Cherniack
Chris Cooper-
Parkinson

Jason Cheung
Can Da' Ce Cross
Garry Dano
Joan Gervais
Deb Hnatiw
Marilynne Keil
Clark Kenyon
Esther Korchynski
Pauline Landygo
Margaret LeMaitre
Brian Migie
Susan Nesbit
Glenis Pacak
Carol Runions
Ed Rzeszutek
Webster Webb
Bonnie Wrighton

BASS

Fred Brick
Richard Bredsteen
John Buchanan
Gene Degen
Elliott Dowbiggin
Cameron Gilchrist
Aubrey Hemminger
David Martin
Jeremy Vallance
John Weier
Henry A. Zacharias

Margaret Tobin, *Choir Coordinator*
Lyle Eide, *Choir Director*
Lisa Remple, *Pre-concert Pianist and
Choir Accompanist*
Claudine St-Arnauld, *Violin*
Yannick Legrand Polejewski, *Dancer*
Clark Kenyon, *Guitar*
Alex Kirov Zografov, *Pianist for
Meredith Spears*
Henry Zacharias, *Percussion*
Sheila Bradford, *Harmonica*

Sing Along



ONE MORE STEP

One more step, we will take one more step,
'Til there is peace for us and ev'ry one,
we will take one more step.

One more word, we will say one more word.
'Til ev'ry word is heard by ev'ry one,
we will say one more word.

One more prayer, we will say one more prayer.
'Til ev'ry prayer is shared by ev'ry one,
we will say one more prayer.

One more song, we will sing one more song,
'Til ev'ry song is sung by ev'ry one,
we will sing one more song.

One more step, we will take one more step,
'Til there is peace for us and ev'ry one,
we will take one more step.

Thank You



NEST wishes to express sincere gratitude to:

- Members of Spirit's Call Choir, director Lyle Eide and coordinator Margaret Tobin for their enthusiasm and philanthropy.
- Guest vocalist, Meredith Spears, for gracing the evening with her meditative selections.
- Irma McKenzie and Sandra Zukanovich for designing and preparing the posters, tickets and programs, for their patience and expertise.
- NEST concert coordinator Elisabeth Kunkel, for logistics and liaison.
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief, sponsorship agreement holder for NEST, for its constant support and encouragement.
- All participants for affirming the work of NEST.

About Spirit's Call



Spirit's Call[™] was founded in 1996 by **Merv Campone** and **Dorothy Becker** to contribute to the transformation of human consciousness and support personal and universal harmony and balance through the integration of healing, learning and the arts. *Spirit's Call* is based in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Spirit's Call Choir is a Winnipeg offering of *Spirit's Call*. The choir supports:

PERSONAL HARMONY by singing to bring balance and joy to our inner being

CHORAL HARMONY by creating beautiful harmonic sound in our vocal community

GLOBAL HARMONY by singing for causes that support peace and justice in our world

Spirit's Call Choir began in an "Explorations of the Self" workshop with **Dorothy Becker** and **Margaret Tobin** in November 2000 at St. Norbert Arts Centre when people who had been told they could NOT sing found their voices and decided to form a choir. Our belief is that singing is the birthright of everyone! The choir offers a supportive environment for remembering, reclaiming and celebrating the spirit and voice of one and all!

In the fall of 2001, gifted musician and choral director **Lyle Eide** joined the choir. Lyle helped us develop a rich harmonic sound and prepare for our FIRST full-length concert—our sold out benefit for NEST on November 30, 2003. The choir is delighted to present its second annual benefit concert for NEST here tonight!

Spirit's Call's non-audition choir continues to grow and change each season as more new members join us and our singing experiences evolve. *Spirit's Call Choir* now includes novice to accomplished singers and musicians among its 135 voices and welcomes all who want to find their voice and "Sing for the Joy!"

Internationally acclaimed musical director and composer **Alex Kirov** prepared and directed the choir for our concert on April 19, 2004—part of the peace choirs initiative linked to the visit of the Dalai Lama to Canada. That event was a sold out benefit for Miriam Centre—to support women and children who have experienced violence and poverty.

Alex also directed our performance on May 28, 2004 at the Canadian Counselling Association's national conference on the theme of "Illuminating Practice: Spirituality, Story and Song."

For more information or to join the choir please contact **Dawn Lazar** at 488-0495 or dlazar@mts.net.

The *Spirit's Call Collection* includes the book *Spirit's Call—When the Spirit Touches the Soul*, the relaxation CD *Spirit's Call—A Companion for Healing* and an original art card. These are on display in the foyer and available for purchase this evening.

News from NEST



The North End Sponsorship Team (NEST) is a cooperative ministry of six Lutheran and two United Church congregations plus individual members who want to invest time, energy or material resources to provide safe haven for refugees in Canada. NEST sponsorships are arranged through Canadian Lutheran World Relief, our "Sponsorship Agreement Holder" with the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration. NEST also works in cooperation with Welcome Place and other groups involved in bringing refugees to Canada.

During the past year, NEST has welcomed two new families. Sponsorships are for a period of one year from the date of arrival in Canada.

Father, mother and three children from Togo – After fleeing their own country, the family spent some years in Ghana. The two older children began school in English. They came to Winnipeg on February 12, 2004. NEST provides all care, household goods and financial support. The father is fluent in French, German and English, and has taught German. NEST is assisting him to establish his teaching credentials here. He is also seeking other types of work. The mother also hopes to find employment. She speaks French and some English. The two older children attend a French school near their home. All are doing well.

A couple from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and daughter – In early 2003, NEST undertook the sponsorship of this family which included two children. Sadly, their son died from illness in August just before he turned 13. Due to food shortages and other difficulties, the daughter was cared for by relatives while they waited to come to Canada. When the time came to leave, she was unable to rejoin them. They made a heart-breaking decision to come without her, arriving in Winnipeg on May 19, 2004. They and NEST strive to bring their daughter who will be 12 years old Dec. 11. Recent unrest in Abidjan, where her case is being processed may cause more delays. Meanwhile, the husband is taking a Health Care Aide course in French at St. Boniface College, and studying English in the evening. Mother began the same course, but became ill and hopes to resume in January.

NEST also has in process five "family-linked" sponsorships of sixteen people from Eritrea, Somalia, and Congo. NEST is the official sponsor but the family here is willing and able to provide all care and financial support when their relatives arrive. Approval of these cases by Citizenship and Immigration can take as long as three to four years and is sometimes denied.

Currently NEST is considering a new full sponsorship. Monies raised through tonight's concert are very much needed to help finance this. We thank you sincerely for your support. For more information, please contact NEST Chair Ivor Schledewitz at 667-3705. Donations may be sent to NEST treasurer Brad Gesell, c/o Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Avenue, Winnipeg MB R2K 0X3.